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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 98,375-C)

In the Application of:

Mehta et al.

Serial No.: 09/701,979

Filed: June 2, 1999

For: **METHOD FOR STAINING BIOLOGICAL  
SPECIMENS BY COMBINING UNSTABLE  
REAGENTS ON A MICROSCOPIC SLIDE**

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**RULE 1.116 AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

This is a Rule 1.116 Amendment that is being submitted in Reply to the April 21, 2003 Final Rejection of the above-captioned U.S. patent application. This Amendment is being submitted contemporaneously with the filing of a Notice of Appeal and a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.